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Rally Day!

Here we are again on our way to Rally Day at Grace Reformed Church, Sunday morning, October 5th. We were there a year ago, and had such a good time, so you see we want to go again. All the children and big people in the Sunday School and Church are going, even the babies on the cradel roll, and their papas and mamas are coming. Wont you all be there?

You Are All Invited

Monthly meeting of the Woman's Aid Society Thursday afternoon, Oct. 1st.

Rally Day and Autumn Service Oct. 4th. Don't forget your offering for that day.

There will be souvenirs for all the Sunday School scholars who will be present at the Rally services Oct. 4th.

Mr. Wilbert assisted the choir at a recent Sunday morning service with his cornet. He did splendidly. He is going to play whenever he is in.

Chicken Supper Thursday evening, Oct. 1st, by the women of the third section. Mrs. Walters, Mrs. Mullen and Mrs. William Siebold are managers of this section. They expect every member of Grace church and all your friends at the supper. They will serve stewed chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy and many other good things. 20 cents.

Ralph William, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Krohn Miller, was baptized at the parsonage on Sabbath afternoon, Sept. 6th.

DEATHS.

Emma Frappier, daughter of Mrs. E. Frappier, residing at 1717 Lafayette street, died at Laurel, Miss., Aug. 10th. She was born in Dark County Ohio, Sept. 11. 1880. Was aged 27 years, 10 months and 29 days. The funeral service was held at the home of the mother Sunday afternoon, Aug. 16.

Mrs. Sofia Dinger died at the home of her son, Henry D. Dinger, on Lewis street, Sunday afternoon, Aug. 16. She was born in Germany March 2, 1835. She was aged at her death 73 years, 5 months and 14 days. She came to America with her father's family when she was about 17 years of age. The family first settled in Germantown, Pa., where she was married to J. G. Robert Dinger July 29, 1855. In 1853 she came with her husband to Allen County, Indiana, and located on a farm near Maples. She was baptized in her infancy, and at an early age she was confirmed in the Lutheran church, of which she remained a member to the time of her death. She had been in poor health for many years, and was not able to attend any church services, but she never forgot her Lord. Previous to her death we were called to see her, and in our conversation with her we found that she was anxiously waiting for the coming of the Lord and was praying that He might take her unto Himself. When the time of her departure came she passed away peacefully into the Great Beyond. She was the mother of nine children. The husband died July 25, 1903. Three sons and one daughter had also preceded her into eternity. There are living three sons and two daughters, fourteen grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren, and one sister. At her request the funeral services were held from Grace Church, Tuesday afternoon, Aug. 18. The remains were taken to the cemetery at New Haven where they were placed in the family lot. A sainted

mother has gone to her rest, and has joined the great company of the redeemed, who had preceded her.

Bessie Marie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Pearse, residing at 815 West Creighton Ave., fell asleep peacefully in Jesus on Wednesday morning, Aug. 19. Bessie was born in Fort Wayne Jan. 6, 1888. Those who knew Bessie will always remember her as having been an exceptionally cheerful and happy child. Though severely afflicted from early childhood she was always contented and happy. She was the very embodiment of innocence and affection. Her supreme delight was to harmonize her will and life with that of her parents. She was a most unselfish child and had the greatest devotion to her father and mother, and above all to her Savior. She came into our Sunday School when only a little child, and on Easter Sunday, April 23, 1905, she was baptized and received into membership with Grace Church. She was scarcely ever absent from any of our church services, in fact only when detained on account of her illness. She was never well, always feeling badly, but this did not keep her from the services. She had the heart and will to come, and was always in her place when at all possible. She was devout and reverential when in the house of God, and one of the most attentive listeners in the congregation. Early in the spring her whole right side was paralyzed and for weeks she was helpless. The physicians had despaired of her life, but under careful treatment and nursing she rallied, and was able to be out again and attend services. The Sabbath preceding her death, the hottest day of the summer, she came to the service, though unable to walk, and feeling very badly. She was anxious to come and enjoy the service. When she was lifted out of the carriage, she realized that she could not walk to the church, her father picked her up and carried her into

the vestibule, where she sat during the service eagerly listening to the sermon and the singing. Such devotion to the church, and such delight in worship and in the service of the Lord is rarely found in any of the Lord's children in these days. On the Monday night after the Sabbath, when she was at the services for the last time, she took ill very suddenly, became unconscious, and never regained consciousness until she passed away on the following Wednesday morning. The end was calm and peaceful. She was ready to go. During her former serious illness she repeatedly assured her pastor of her full preparation for heaven, and expressed her anxiety to go and be with the Lord and the great company of friends who had preceded her. The last one of the family of four children has now gone to the home on the other side. Words fail to express our sympathy and sorrow for the father and mother in their bereavement. Greater affection and attachment was never manifested between parent and child. The parents are heartbroken and sad but they have this to comfort them, they know that Bessie has gone to that home where she is passed all sorrow and suffering, and where some day we trust the whole family shall again be re-united, where farewells are never spoken. In the home and in the church Bessie will be missed constantly, but we bow reverently to the will of our Heavenly Father, saying "Thy will be done." The funeral service was held from the home on Saturday afternoon, Aug. 22, and was conducted by the pastor. Mrs. Zartman and Mrs. Knot were present and sang some of the hymns that Bessie loved so well. At the conclusion of the service the remains were taken to the beautiful Lindenwood, and were placed in the receiving vault, where they rested for a few weeks, when they were laid away in the family lot to sleep by the side of the bodies of a large company of loved ones,

who had preceded her. Only the father and mother of this family of six survive to mourn the death of this daughter. They have the sympathy of the church and their many friends in their bereavement. May the Lord sustain and comfort them.

John Anstett died at his home, near Hudson, Ind., Saturday, Aug. 29. He was born at Lancaster, Pa., Oct. 12, 1835. He removed with his parents to Fort Wayne, Ind., when at about the age of 15 years. Later the family moved to LaGrange County, Indiana, and afterwards settled upon the farm in Fairfield Township, DeKalb County, where Mr. Anstett resided continuously until the time of his death, a period of about fifty-five years. He was united in marriage to Miss Joanna Putt March 8, 1863. He united with the Reformed church at Hudson, Ind., Nov. 3, 1855, under the pastorate of Rev. John Kissel. He was one of the founders of this church and repeatedly filled the office of deacon and elder, and in many ways was one of its main supporters and workers. He was highly esteemed by the people of his community and church. He has a son residing in Fort Wayne and frequently when in the city visiting his son he attended the services at Grace church. Some years ago he made the request, which was repeated the day before his death, that the pastor of Grace church should preach his funeral sermon if he could be secured. In compliance with this request the pastor conducted service on Monday morning, Aug. 30, at the Reformed church in Hudson, Ind. The wife, two sons and one daughter survive the father, also two sisters. Mr. Anstett had been ailing for a number of years but was patient and resigned in all of his illness. He had fully committed himself into the hands of the Lord, and was patiently waiting for His coming. May the Lord sustain and console this mother and family in their sorrow.

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A baby girl made its advent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fosler recently.

Miss Maggie Haverly is visiting with relatives at Schenectady, N. Y. She will be gone about a month.

Mrs. Kittie Vinning Parker is visiting friends in New York state. She will return home about the 1st of October.

Mrs. C. F. Close has been to the hospital since our last issue of the Visitor for an operation. She got along splendidly and is continuing to do well. She will be able to be out to services soon again.

John Koeph has returned to Fort Wayne from Columbus, Ohio, where he has been employed for the past several years. He will remain in the city for the present. We are glad to have him with us again.

The annual meeting of the Ohio Synod will be held at Dayton, Ohio, beginning on the evening of Oct. 7th. Mrs. Zartman and Mrs. Leikauf will attend the meetings of the Synodical Missionary Society. Mr. F. E. Moore and the pastor will go as delegates to the synodical meeting. We hope Mr. L. W. Hills will be able to return from the north so that he can also attend.

The young people have organized for aggressive work. They have determined upon making things go. All the young people in the church should join hands with the young people in the society and help them in their work. Mrs. Zartman is presenting all who promise to live up to the pledge a beautiful badge. It will be an honor for any to be able to wear this badge.

Dr. Lee M. Sankey, of Gennette, Pa., and Miss Floy S. Gates, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Gates, residing on East Creighton Ave., were united in marriage at the home of the bride Saturday evening, Aug. 15th. The bride was one of the popular and accomplished young ladies of Fort Wayne and has hosts of friends in the city. Dr. Sankey is a very congenial and promising young man, for whom we bespeak an assured success in his profession. A large company of the bride's associates and young friends in the city were present to witness the ceremony and enjoy the evening. The bridal party entered the parlor to the strains of Lohengrin, played by Miss Gertrude Thompson. The ceremony was brief but impressive, after which hearty congratulations were extended. The bride was gowned in a beautiful lace robe over silk and carried in her arm a profusion of bride roses. Later the guests were served to an elaborate luncheon. The parlor was decorated with ferns, palms and white carnations, the tables were done in pink carnations and smilax. After an extended wedding trip in the East the bride and groom went to Gennette, Pa., where they are now settled in their own home.

The work of soliciting for the church debt is now fairly started. The pastor feels more than encouraged with the canvass so far. He is quite certain that if the whole church will respond as liberally as those who have already indicated what they intend to give, the whole debt will be provided for very easily and a sufficient amount raised above the debt to give us a good start on an organ fund.

Dr. Schaaf, of Covington, Ky., was a caller at the parish house recently. He is in good health, and is busy in his new parish. We are always glad to see the Dr. He remains the same happy and congenial fellow that he was when we were classmates together at Heidelberg.

Chicken supper Thursday evening, October 1st.

We want about one hundred new scholars for the Sunday School. If you want your name on the honor roll and have a nice pin to wear get on the hunt for some new scholars. On the first Sunday in September five new scholars were enrolled. The cradle roll has also received a number of new members recently. We want all the old scholars back in their places and a large accession of new ones.

Thursday morning, Sept. 17th, Mr. Walter E. Tonkel and Miss Elizabeth B. Garman were married at the parsonage. These young people reside about twelve miles north of the city in the community where Salem Reformed church is located. The bride was baptized by the pastor of Grace church about eighteen years ago. Both bride and groom are very pleasant young people and are from excellent families. The Visitor extends hearty congratulations to these newly wedded brides and grooms.

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Shall sow the gospel seed,
And every little heart
Shall pray for those in need,
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At the close of the Sunday evening service Sept. 13th there was a conference of the Sunday School teachers and officers. New methods of Sunday School work were proposed and discussed. The teachers were asked to look up their scholars and try to have a more regular attendance, and also urge their scholars to co-operate with them in securing new recruits for the school. Hereafter there will be a monthly conference of officers and teachers.

Do not forget the date of the Rally Day, Oct. 4th. In the morning at 10 o'clock we will have the rally service for the Sunday School and church. The two services will be combined. The program in the morning will be by the Sunday School. The babies on the cradle roll and their fathers and mothers will be out to this service. At 7:30 the young people will have their rally service. We want everybody out to this service. Come and bring some of your friends who have no church home with you.

Mr. D. Wilbert's father, two sisters, a brother-in-law and a nephew were in the city over the Sabbath Aug. 30th. The pastor and wife were out to spend a part of the afternoon with these friends. We were glad to see this aged christian father again and to meet these other members of his family. We had a delightful time together in a service of song, Bible reading and prayer. Mr. Wilbert has had a long experience in the Christian life and in the service of the Master. He has never grown weary in the service and in his latter days he has come to a full inheritance of Christian joy and comfort and the Lord has wonderfully blessed him and preserved him in body, mind and heart. May he be spared for many more years of service and to tell the story of redeeming grace and of God's love and power.

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